

Joel Holmes Promoted By Army

Field director of ammunition plants for the United States, Joel G. Holmes, of Joliet Arsenal, has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general, effective last Friday.

He will be feted by fellow officers Thursday.

Gen. Holmes, who has been in charge of all the ammunition plants in this country since September, 1946, served as a deputy chief of ordnance in the European theater of operations during World War II.

A veteran of 29 years' army service, Gen. Holmes is a native of Forked River, N. J., born Aug. 24, 1892. During the first World war he served 10 months in France as adjutant in an anti-aircraft battalion. During World War II he went to England in May, 1943, and subsequently served thruout the ETO for 28 months.

Two years ago, Holmes was cited by the British government for his work in supplying ordnance materials to depots thruout the United Kingdom during the war.

In addition to the medal conferred by the King of England (The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, degree of honorary officer), Holmes wears the Legion of Merit, the Soldier's medal for gallantry, the Bronze Star medal for bravery and the



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army commendation ribbon. He also wears two bronze battle stars for the Normandy and Northern France campaigns.